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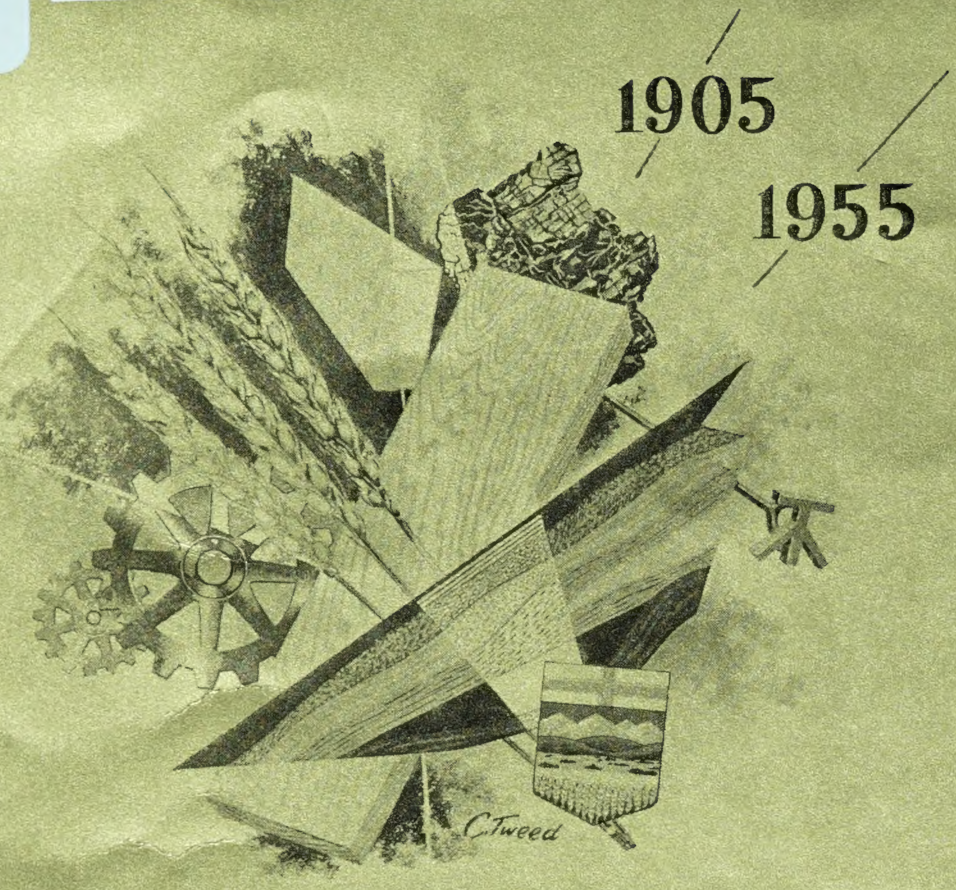

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about June 1, 1955, they held 1,785.3 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, about one per cent less than the 1,802.7 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries including on-farm stocks in millions of bushels (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,001.8 (921.3); Canada, 513.0 (628.2); Argentina, 137.6 (121.6); and Australia, 132.9 (131.6).

Exports of wheat and flour, in terms of wheat, from the four major exporting countries from August 1, 1954, to June 1, 1955, were 629.6 million bushels, some 20 per cent greater than the 526.1 million shipped during the same period in 1953-54. While Canadian exports decreased slightly from 209.1 to 208.7 million bushels exports from other major wheat export countries increased as follows: United States from 170.7 to 227.2 million bushels; Argentina, from 94.1 to 112.0 million; and Australia from 52.2 to 81.7 million.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States from January 1, to July 16, 1955, (with comparable 1954 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 9,294 (31,366); feeder cattle, 5,726 (6,887); dairy and pure-bred cattle 21,914 (17,270); calves, 3,870 (3,461); hogs, 6,614 (6,248); and sheep, 6,407 (514).

Dressed meat exports to all countries were: beef, 3,676,022 lb. a decrease of 76 per cent from last year; pork, 31,870,047 lb. an increase of 38 per cent; and lamb and mutton, 28,118 lb. up 35 per cent as compared to last year.

There were 740 sheep and lambs imported from the United States in the week ending July 16 for a total of 18,496 head imported since January 1.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens on farms in Alberta for June 1955, were estimated at 2,995,000 compared to 2,612,000 in June 1954. Production per 100 hens was down from 1,465 to 1,416 with total farm production at 3,484,000 dozen in June 1955, compared to 3,144,000 in 1954.

In June 107,000 eggs were placed in incubators in registered hatcheries compared to 96,000 in June last year. The total number placed since January 1 is down 2 per cent from 1954.

DAIRYING:

In the month of June 1955, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 4,160,595 pounds compared to 3,982,338 pounds in June 1954, an increase of 4.5 per cent.

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CROP AND LIVE STOCK ESTIMATES BASIS JUNE 1, AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Acreages of Principal Field Crops and Summerfallow in Alberta and the Prairie Provinces

CROPS	ALBERTA 1951 Census	ALBERTA 1954 Estimate	ALBERTA 1955 Estimate	ALBERTA 1955 as per cent of 1954	PRAIRIE PROVINCES 1951 Census	PRAIRIE PROVINCES 1954 Estimate	PRAIRIE PROVINCES 1955 Estimate	PRAIRIE PROVINCES 1955 as per cent of 1954
	- thousands of acres -			%	- thousands of acres -			%
Wheat	6,424	5,862	5,714	98	24,385	23,437	20,812	89
Oats	2,854	2,354	2,649	112	8,312	6,715	7,788	116
Barley	3,041	3,053	3,702	121	7,530	7,568	9,638	127
Rye	284	215	174	81	1,047	753	707	94
Flaxseed	135	215	248	115	1,086	1,177	1,959	166
Tame Hay	1,206	1,343	1,422	106	2,177	2,429	2,578	106
Summerfallow	6,195	7,474	6,541	88	21,569	25,253	23,965	95

Number of Live Stock on Farms in Alberta

Cattle

	Bulls over 1 year	Cows For Milk	Cows For Beef	Yearling Heifers For Milk	Yearling Heifers For Beef	Steers over 1 year	Calves under 1 year	Total
1951 (Census)	32,000	278,000	420,000	81,000	144,000	170,000	438,000	1,563,000
1954 (Estimate)	44,000	303,000	598,000	82,000	193,000	235,000	555,000	2,010,000
1955 (Estimate)	44,000	315,000	605,000	86,000	195,000	255,000	585,000	2,085,000
1955 as % 1954	100	104	101	105	101	108	105	104

	Sheep and Lambs Over 1 Year	Sheep and Lambs Lambs	Sheep and Lambs Total	Hogs Under 6 Months	Hogs Over 6 Months	Hogs Total	Horses
1951(Census)	181,000	149,000	330,000	715,000	216,000	931,000	261,000
1954 (Estimate)	232,000	208,000	440,000	1,048,000	360,000	1,408,000	179,000
1955 (Estimate)	240,000	220,000	460,000	1,160,000	460,000	1,620,000	176,000
1955 as % 1954	103	106	104	111	128	115	98

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of June	9,999	13,322	2,797	2,444	2,253	2,682	428	390	36	62
January - June	39,641	43,921	14,255	4,963	11,476	11,466	1,062	962	307	297
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in June:	1.14[1]	1.12[1]	0.49[1]	0.52[1]	0.73[1]	0.76[1]	0.76[2]	0.75[3]	2.37[2]	3.23[3]
					- thousands of dollars -					
Estimated Total Cash Returns:										
Month of June	11,399	14,921	1,370	1,271	1,645	2,038	325	292	85	200
January - June	45,191	49,192	6,985	2,581	8,378	8,714	807	778	728	857
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments 4										
January - June	13,778	6,631		757		2,035				
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of June	11,399	14,921	1,370	1,271	1,645	2,038	325	292	85	200
January - June	58,969	55,823	6,985	3,338	8,378	10,749	807	778	728	857

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:

	1954	1955
Month of June	$ 14,824,000	$ 18,722,000
January - June	75,867,000	71,545,000

1. Estimated Canadian Wheat Board Initial and Adjustment Payments.
2. Final estimated price per bushel of the 1953 crop.
3. Average weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations for 3 c.w. rye and 2 c.w. flaxseed respectively for May.
4. Payments on deliveries made prior to January 1, 1955.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

JUNE, 1955, AND SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1955, COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of June:								
Calgary	18.79	18.17	16.63	17.33	21.39	19.81	31.73	24.82
Edmonton	18.32	18.18	16.13	16.89	21.44	20.66	32.44	25.31
Lethbridge	18.63	18.17	16.69	17.39	-	-	31.55	24.44
January - June:								
Calgary	17.54	18.02	15.80	16.78	20.39	18.54	33.00	21.93
Edmonton	16.94	17.94	14.92	16.02	21.25	19.42	33.70	22.47
Lethbridge	17.44	18.28	15.74	16.70	20.07	18.28	32.78	21.72

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1954	May 1954	May 1955	June 1955
21.5	26.2	34.2	19.0	22.4

Livestock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1954	May 1954	May 1955	June 1955
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	82.5	67.8	106.6	93.3
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	89.4	79.7	114.0	106.0
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	85.0	93.6	88.0

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* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1955, COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:				- number of head -				
Month of June	50,620	51,971	9,132	9,408	1,852	2,573	133,727	170,807
January - June	256,936	276,742	41,421	41,343	60,826	80,804	722,622	923,651
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of June	6,372	7,750	570	493	134	120	-	-
January - June	27,295	32,502	3,067	3,371	1,212	1,167	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of June	44,248	44,221	8,562	8,915	1,718	2,453	133,727	170,807
January - June	229,641	244,240	38,354	37,972	59,614	79,637	722,622	923,651
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of June	2,178	2,270	574	753	98	103	2,027	2,373
January - June	13,088	12,956	4,216	4,253	887	814	13,610	13,227
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of June	46,426	46,491	9,136	9,668	1,816	2,556	135,754	173,180
January - June	242,729	257,196	42,570	42,225	60,501	80,451	736,232	936,878
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:					- dollars -			
Month of June	$ 6,692,000	6,829,000	432,000	475,000	34,000	48,000	7,124,000	6,612,000
January - June	$ 34,234,000	37,037,000	2,200,000	2,254,000	1,193,000	1,444,000	39,865,000	32,645,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Livestock:	1954	1955
Month of June	$ 14,282,000	13,964,000
January - June	$ 77,492,000	73,380,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (MAY AND JANUARY-MAY) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (JUNE AND JANUARY-JUNE) FOR ALBERTA 1954 AND 1955

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	MAY		JANUARY - MAY		MAY		JANUARY - MAY	
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	2,322	2,412	8,078	7,936	1,382	1,426	4,923	4,870
Dairy Butter	7	5.5	28	21.3	4	3	16	12
Milk for Cheese Making	2,750	2,244	11,957	8,250	63	50	289	193
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	12,189	12,441	50,763	54,179	326	330	1,433	1,513
Milk for Fluid Sales	17,600	18,462	86,188	91,261	810	842	3,971	4,186
TOTAL VALUE -					$ 2,585	2,651	10,632	10,774

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis

	JUNE		JANUARY - JUNE		JUNE		JANUARY - JUNE	
POULTRY PRODUCTS:	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,786,000	1,816,000	9,862,000	10,216,000	501,000	494,000	2,918,000	2,773,000
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	430,000	652,000	1,416,000	1,890,000	106,000	168,000	424,000	509,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY -					$ 607,000	662,000	3,342,000	3,282,000

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - June)	1955 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (June)	1955 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	13,789,926	10,382,080	- 24.71	2,136,022	1,422,952	- 33.38
	- Production	Barrels	1,413,748	1,466,608	3.74	239,551	226,407	- 5.49
		Value $.	13,647,022	13,429,949	- 1.59	2,219,742	2,079,023	- 6.34
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	13,938,096	14,003,443	.47	4,087,240	4,321,898	5.74
		Value $.	8,127,217	8,177,113	.61	2,329,727	2,441,872	4.81
Factory Cheese	- Production	Lbs.	1,399,048	1,044,815	- 25.32	311,869	294,111	- 5.69
		Value $.	470,663	339,565	- 27.85	106,458	95,586	- 10.21
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	13,770,996	14,492,602	5.24	2,217,347	2,321,292	4.69
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	58,546,662	62,429,732	6.63	10,229,870	11,321,228	10.67
	- Production	Meat Lbs.	152,741,635	179,530,242	17.54	24,425,381	28,832,605	18.04
		Value $.	48,067,649	45,646,840	- 5.04	7,628,657	7,751,350	1.61
	- Exports	Meat Lbs.	71,486,331	95,499,388	33.59	12,467,185	16,564,374	32.86
		Value $.	22,487,136	24,304,659	8.08	3,893,502	4,452,504	14.36

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - June)	1955 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (June)	1955 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	2,404,935	1,924,884	- 19.96	280,004	220,936	- 21.10
		Value $.	12,694,698	10,089,791	- 20.52	1,535,236	1,234,833	- 19.57
Salt	Production	Tons	15,040	19,476	29.49	2,968	3,790	27.70
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	56,863,683	64,912,579	14.15	11,757,738	14,460,664	22.99
Propane	Production	Gallons	7,682,481	13,363,478	73.95	1,440,978	2,117,665	46.96
	Sales	Gallons	8,282,716	11,290,026	36.31	1,242,956	1,300,398	4.62
Butane	Production	Gallons	3,295,184	7,660,779	132.48	647,746	1,500,934	131.72
	Sales	Gallons	3,026,912	7,250,303	139.53	441,250	1,456,443	230.07
Sulphur	Production	Tons	10,517	13,995	33.07	1,309	1,730	32.16
	Sales	Tons	8,521	9,475	11.20	2,205	1,642	- 25.53
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	1,215,569	1,314,062	8.10	112,028	141,303	26.13
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	5,754,033	5,788,148	.59	816,142	1,242,731	52.27
Cement	Production	Barrels	1,491,650	1,402,350	- 5.99	298,790	377,330	26.29
		Value $.	3,767,746	3,498,531	- 7.15	767,890	943,325	22.85
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	298,415	334,852	12.21	53,916	72,844	35.11
	Production	Tons	10,492	12,756	21.58	1,825	2,383	30.58
		Value $.	148,421	173,687	17.02	25,755	32,028	24.36

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

		1954 (Jan. - May)	1955 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (May)	1955 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Petroleum	(1) Production-Barrels	31,741,400	41,030,588	29.27	6,621,439	8,607,111	29.99
	Value of Sales $.	82,909,816	99,968,951	20.58	17,129,804	21,089,597	23.12
Natural Gas	(1) Production- M.C.F.	61,003,088	69,356,480	13.69	9,689,248	11,292,006	16.54
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports Barrels	739,103	825,726	11.72	135,652	202,252	49.10
	Exports Barrels	28,014,657	35,493,247	26.70	5,628,403	8,553,953	51.98
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production-Barrels	7,954,970	7,966,181	.14	1,609,644	1,350,688	- 16.09
	Imports Barrels	130,062	116,510	- 10.42	26,158	36,425	39.25
	Exports Barrels	1,714,948	1,795,070	4.67	347,608	488,794	40.62
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha	(1) Production-Barrels	285,711	352,679	23.44	48,917	67,709	38.42
	Value of Sales $.	825,571*	963,301	16.68	134,867*	164,341	21.85

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, May, 1955, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

* Value for naphtha for previous years, not included.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - June)	1955 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (June)	1955 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands)	- Production Lumber-ft.b.m.		272,300,000	335,900,000	23.36	4,700,000	2,900,000	-38.30
		Value $.	10,892,000	13,436,000	23.36	188,000	116,000	-38.30
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products		$.	13,916,000	16,460,000	18.28	224,000	152,000	-32.14
Fur (Wild Life)	- Trapped	No. of Pelts	936,226	1,560,526	66.68	126,555	131,447	3.87
		Value $.	862,039	1,834,371	112.79	197,151	263,785	33.80
			1954 (Jan. - July)	1955 (Jan. - July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (July)	1955 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Bank Clearings		$.	2,388,475,877	2,972,708,088	24.46	420,777,600	473,432,494	12.51

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan.- May)	1955 (Jan.- May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 ((May)	1955 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Bank Debits (1)		Value $.	3,648,065,000	3,613,761,000	- .94	738,189,000	774,654,000	4.94
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (2)	No.	15,226	14,266	- 6.31	3,183	4,053	27.33
		Value $.	38,984,000	37,669,000	- 3.37	8,310,000	10,678,000	28.50
Customs' Duty Receipts		$.	5,667,505	5,681,852	.25	1,338,680	1,231,359	- 8.02
Electric Power	- Consumption (3)	K.W.Hrs.	619,808,000	693,449,000	11.88	115,078,000	130,424,000	13.33

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 32, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVII, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 23, No. 5, 1955, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

		1954 (Jan. - June)	1955 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (June)	1955 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BUILDING PERMITS:				%			%
CALGARY	Number	1,677	2,472	47.41	452	643	42.26
	Value $.	21,059,909	29,271,503	38.99	5,144,926	6,920,915	34.52
EDMONTON	Number	3,580	3,361	- 6.12	1,156	986	- 14.71
	Value $.	32,245,354	26,522,341	- 17.75	10,791,479	6,870,858	- 36.33
LETHBRIDGE	Number	405	399	- 1.48	90	91	1.11
	Value $.	4,273,062	3,460,824	- 19.01	1,779,091	567,485	- 68.10
MEDICINE HAT	Number	225	210	- 6.67	67	64	- 4.48
	Value $.	1,178,699	3,929,040	233.34	325,650	757,250	132.53
RED DEER	Number	146	172	17.81	52	61	17.31
	Value $.	1,269,100	1,759,945	38.68	680,200	448,565	- 34.05
DRUMHELLER	Number	36	29	- 19.44	7	10	42.86
	Value $.	284,003	140,323	- 50.59	11,450	47,275	312.88
WETASKIWIN	Number	63	24	- 61.90	13	8	- 38.46
	Value $.	236,985	162,575	- 31.40	56,510	21,300	- 62.31
CAMROSE	Number	78	65	- 16.67	20	28	40.00
	Value $.	480,210	1,025,230	113.50	135,300	132,715	- 1.91
TOTAL (8 CITIES) - - - - - -	NUMBER	6,210	6,732	8.41	1,857	1,891	1.83
	VALUE $.	61,027,322	66,271,781	8.59	18,924,606	15,766,363	- 16.69
TOTAL (82 Towns & Villages)	VALUE $.	7,811,403*	7,206,664	- 7.74	2,351,760	2,383,868	1.37

		1954 (Jan. - June)	1955 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (June)	1955 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA:(1)				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	2,111	2,749	30.22	643	830	29.08
	Value $.	22,912,000	27,190,700	18.67	6,865,400	8,145,400	18.64
BUSINESS	Number	302	287	- 4.97	83	103	24.10
	Value $.	28,162,400	21,609,400	- 23.27	6,102,400	3,574,200	- 41.43
INDUSTRIAL	Number	41	26	- 36.59	7	9	28.57
	Value $.	21,249,100	4,648,800	- 78.12	5,486,200	1,642,500	- 70.06
ENGINEERING	Number	124	121	- 2.42	48	36	- 25.00
	Value $.	33,413,000	20,966,300	- 37.25	7,170,600	7,386,700	3.01
T O T A L - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	2,578	3,183	23.47	781	978	25.22
	VALUE $.	105,736,500	74,415,200	- 29.62	25,624,600	20,748,800	- 19.03

* Adjusted.

(1) Source: Building Reporter, July, 1955, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - July)	1955 (Jan. - July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (July)	1955 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	361,768	415,627	14.89	165,388	180,917	9.39
Elk Island	99,773	113,181	13.44	56,194	52,019	- 7.43
Jasper	57,985	72,677	25.34	43,959	51,351	16.82
Waterton Lakes	128,703	121,094	- 5.91	77,185	75,016	- 2.81
TOTAL	648,229	722,579	11.47	342,726	359,303	4.84

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - June)	1955 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (June)	1955 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	143	147	2.80	41	44	7.32
Carway	3,210	5,509	71.62	2,369	2,932	23.77
Chief Mountain	1,338	1,531	14.42	1,267	1,477	16.57
Coutts	17,145	17,773	3.66	5,966	5,752	- 3.59
Del Bonita	598	583	- 2.51	130	146	12.31
Wild Horse	218	307	40.83	75	113	50.67
TOTAL	22,652	25,850	14.12	9,848	10,464	6.26

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

MAY - 1955

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,837,415	1,805,440	-	1,528,170	586,600	6,757,625
AA-	4,760,670	1,709,330	146,965	1,166,375	29,050	7,812,390
B-	241,080	-	-	-	-	241,080
BB-	34,745	83,941	74,212	400,966	78,039	671,903
C-	1,460,018	464,673	10,095	353,494	-	2,288,280
G-	190,533	619,672	134,983	7,062,903	-	8,008,091
H-	5,088,919	1,211,407	83,807	1,133,821	-	7,517,954
J-	4,569,055	2,584,930	490,875	1,341,876	517,621	9,504,357
L-	1,136,485	-	-	-	-	1,136,485
M-	88,665	145,565	59,710	770,350	-	1,064,290
N-	1,380,925	770,805	2,345*	204,295*	107,205	2,052,295
O-	5,420	-	-	144,524	-	149,944
P-	69,368	-	-	-	-	69,368
TOTAL	21,863,298	9,395,763	998,302	13,698,184	1,318,515	47,274,062

* Adjustment - Deducted.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - June)	1955 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (June)	1955 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:			%			%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	45,461,345	48,016,105	5.62	6,489,450	9,073,700	39.82
Boots and Shoes	1,292,691	1,770,385	36.95	173,367	334,986	93.22
Drugs	4,132,464	4,222,963	2.19	731,534	742,428	1.49
Dry Goods	5,223,201	5,022,787	- 3.84	630,168	741,867	17.73
Electrical Appliances and Radios	21,506,874	22,588,935	5.03	3,107,003	3,019,544	- 2.82
Florists	360,079	415,969	15.52	63,340	55,628	- 12.18
Furniture	1,493,867	1,464,430	- 1.97	204,209	225,570	10.46
Groceries (including Fruits & Vegetables)	72,587,664	75,689,468	4.27	12,308,468	12,873,123	4.59
Hardware	31,416,104	30,793,634	- 1.98	6,354,640	6,662,475	4.84
Lumber and Building Supplies	21,592,935	25,763,109	19.31	4,435,382	5,702,394	28.57
Machinery, Agricultural	18,329,411	14,258,998	- 22.21	3,113,331	2,817,876	- 9.49
Machinery, Other	9,118,837	9,412,501	3.22	1,636,667	1,753,351	7.13
Paints and Varnishes	3,907,339	4,016,105	2.78	643,904	770,759	19.70
Paper	4,277,363	4,298,048	.48	822,315	828,884	.80
Tobacco	9,658,032	9,894,358	2.45	1,740,447	1,785,739	2.60
Oilfield Supplies	5,321,506	5,914,040	11.13	761,066	853,393	12.13
Carbonated Beverages	5,799,701	6,083,896	4.90	1,078,433	1,264,624	17.26
Miscellaneous	26,917,070	27,449,162	1.98	5,361,260	5,483,053	2.27
TOTAL	288,396,483	297,074,893	3.01	49,654,984	54,989,394	10.74
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	67,909,281	70,784,768	4.23	12,580,803	13,708,290	8.96
Edmonton	67,553,364	69,785,875	3.30	13,142,900	14,570,649	10.86
Lethbridge	6,467,347	6,036,676	- 6.66	984,742	827,010	- 16.02
Medicine Hat	876,812	884,168	.84	173.042	180,607	4.37
Smaller Centres	4,623,247	5,100,538	10.32	971,859	1,418,754	45.98
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	140,966,432	144,482,868	2.49	21,801,638	24,284,084	11.39
TOTAL	288,396,483	297,074,893	3.01	49,654,984	54,989,394	10.74

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - May)	1955 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (May)	1955 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	355.292,000(a)	360,457,000	1.45	80,697,000(a)	84,426,000	4.62
Grocery and Combination Store	51,613,000	53,267,000	3.20	11,527,000	11,058,000	- 4.07
Other Food and Beverage Stores	22,862,000	22,359,000	- 2.20	5,149,000	5,103,000	- .89
General Stores	21,409,000	20,064,000	- 6.28	4,958,000	4,752,000	- 4.15
Department Stores	37,990,000	39,363,000	3.61	8,247,000	8,560,000	3.80
Variety Stores	3,987,000	4,191,000	5.12	837,000	851,000	1.67
Motor Vehicle Dealers	76,674,000	79,725,000	3.98	17,290,000	20,800,000	20.30
Garage and Filling Stations	21,901,000	22,491,000	2.69	4,264,000	4,627,000	8.51
Men's Clothing Stores	5,324,000	5,487,000	3.06	1,099,000	1,137,000	3.46
Family Clothing Stores	3,980,000	3,754,000	- 5.68	981,000	848,000	-13.56
Women's Clothing Stores	6,285,000	5,873,000	- 6.56	1,716,000	1,643,000	- 4.25
Shoe Stores	2,011,000	2,048,000	1.84	480,000	484,000	.83
Hardware Stores	8,737,000	8,712,000	- .29	2,470,000	2,504,000	1.38
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	16,556,000	15,518,000	- 6.27	3,916,000	4,165,000	6.36
Furniture, Appliances & Radio Stores	10,861,000	13,326,000	22.70	2,025,000	2,304,000	13.78
Restaurants	12,737,000	11,557,000	- 9.26	3,304,000	3,090,000	- 6.48
Fuel Dealers	302,000	266,000	-11.92	31,000	29,000	- 6.45
Drug Stores	8,314,000	8,129,000	- 2.23	1,725,000	1,647,000	- 4.52
Jewellery Stores	2,301,000	2,310,000	.39	515,000	524,000	1.75
Miscellaneous	41,437,000	42,017,000	1.40	10,158,000	10,300,000	1.40

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

SOURCE: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVII, No. 5, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st June, 1955

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 55, No. 6, June, 1955)

Despite heavy rainfall and the recurrence of cool weather, the Prairie region underwent further employment expansion in outdoor activities during May. Farm activities showed the most marked improvement and for the second consecutive month employment in this section increased more rapidly than a year ago. Non-farm employment increased slowly, the increase being notably smaller than a year earlier, owing in part to the smaller volume of construction. While construction activity in the large urban centres compared favourably with last year, very little building had begun in the rural areas.

EDMONTON (metropolitan area) was reclassified from the labour surplus category to the balanced labour group. Unemployment fell sharply during the month as labour requirements increased in almost all industries in the area. Demand for farm workers was strong. The rise in non-farm employment during the month was most marked in the construction industry, although manufacturing, trade and service establishments were busier than a month earlier. Employment continued above last year's levels in all major industry groups.

CALGARY (metropolitan area) was reclassified from the labour surplus category to the balanced labour group. Labour shortages were developing in some occupations as a result of marked increases in both farm and non-farm employment. Demand for farm help was heavier than in the previous two years. With the exception of power machinery operators, who were in short supply, orders were being filled. Activity in the building trades increased rapidly during the month, the volume of residential and commercial construction undertaken since the beginning of the year being markedly higher than last year. Demand for skilled tradesmen was particularly strong and painters, plumbers, plasterers and finishing carpenters were becoming scarce.

LETHBRIDGE was reclassified from the labour surplus category to the balanced labour group.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 1st of June, 1955, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At MAY 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	May 1 1954	May 1 1955	May 1 1954 $	May 1 1955 $	May 1 1955
Mining	104.4	102.3	75.46	76.87	15,896
Coal	49.2	38.6	56.75	51.20	3,118
Oil	175.9	185.3	80.76	82.83	11,496
Manufacturing	122.4	124.8	60.89	63.53	25,198
Food and Beverages	107.6	110.2	60.58	61.60	8,106
Meat Products	114.6	121.8	66.14	67.57	3,868
Wood Products	99.0	93.5	47.57	49.54	2,490
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	101.9	104.8	58.73	60.96	1,187
Iron and Steel Products	130.0	146.1	67.02	69.11	2,686
Transportation Equipment	142.1	130.4	59.96	62.98	3,858
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	125.8	121.4	55.42	58.90	1,909
Products of Petroleum and Coal	131.3	151.8	86.08	88.59	1,454
Construction	137.6	141.9	61.20	59.52	15,742
Buildings and Structures (k)	145.3	160.9	63.54	60.00	9,909
Highways, Bridges and Streets	128.4	118.2	57.99	58.72	5,833
Transportation, Storage, Communication	108.6	106.9	63.00	63.74	22,263
Steam Railways	95.7	90.9	66.47	66.10	12,164
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	130.8	133.1	63.45	66.32	3,431
Storage	113.8	109.7	54.27	54.31	2,561
Trade	124.7	128.2	52.05	53.70	25,619
Wholesale	125.9	128.3	56.05	58.43	8,774
Retail	124.0	128.2	49.82	51.24	16,845
Service	117.2	123.9	39.45	40.47	7,267
Hotels and Restaurants	109.9	116.0	38.81	39.26	4,763
Industrial Composite	119.0	120.8	59.82	60.73	121,819

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, May, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

At MAY 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	May 1 1954	May 1 1955	May 1 1954 $	May 1 1955 $	May 1 1955
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	116.5	120.3	63.68	65.02	9,051
Foods and Beverages	107.8	114.8	64.15	64.37	2,881
Transportation Equipment	135.4	121.2	61.94	64.20	2,216
Construction	134.0	164.8	60.67	63.13	3,269
Wholesale Trade	120.8	122.5	56.06	58.64	3,807
Retail Trade	121.1	129.7	51.85	51.71	6,529
Industrial Composite	124.4	132.8	57.87	59.48	32,571
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	139.9	143.4	61.48	63.88	10,648
Foods and Beverages	120.4	122.6	61.00	62.30	3,716
Meat Products	119.8	126.3	64.33	65.06	2,586
Construction	133.2	149.7	61.65	60.83	5,962
Wholesale Trade	140.5	144.6	55.45	58.63	3,657
Retail Trade	127.9	131.5	49.52	51.38	7,645
Industrial Composite	136.2	142.5	56.25	57.91	36,232

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, May, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At APRIL 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1955	Apr. 1 1954 ¢	Apr. 1 1955 ¢	Apr. 1 1954 $	Apr. 1 1955 $	Apr. 1 1955
Coal Mining	22.3	27.8	181.0	179.8	40.36	49.98	2,964
Oil and Natural Gas Production	44.4	45.8	174.2	176.6	77.34	80.88	4,490
Manufacturing	39.8	40.3	145.6	149.9	57.95	60.41	17,440
Foods and Beverages	38.8	39.5	145.1	148.1	56.30	58.50	5,230
Meat Products	39.0	39.5	158.9	162.2	61.97	64.07	2,677
Transportation Equipment	38.6	40.6	152.2	151.7	58.75	61.59	3,020
Buildings and Structures (h)	38.3	34.2	171.8	167.7	65.80	57.35	7,227
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	39.7	38.9	145.5	151.5	57.76	58.93	1,984
Services (j)	40.8	40.4	90.9	91.7	37.09	37.05	4,361

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, April, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.